Cause	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Railway Staff Failure	293	248	186	161	132
Equipment Failure	33	24	18	18	2
Other Than Railway Staff	109	103	118	107	74
Sabotage	19	14	10	18	7
Combination of Factors	4	—	2	2	—
Incidental	11	20	15	17	15
Not Established	4	5	2	2	—
Under Investigation	—	1	—	—	4
GRAND TOTAL	473	415	351	325	234

(c) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and adoption of new measures to improve safety is a continuous process. The measures being taken by Indian Railways to minimize incidence of accidents include adoption of suitale modern technology for interlocking and signalling systems, up-gradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of overaged assets, up-gradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precautions and provision of Anti Collision Device.

Import of duty free raw materials by steel Industries of Chhattisgarh

†4791. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the non-Government steel industries in Chhattisgarh which have imported duty free raw materials from abroad to complete the export of steel pipes during the last three years;

(b) the number out of these industries which could not make the export of steel pipes to other countries even after such import;

(c) whether the industries which could not make the export of steel pipes on import of raw materials;

(d) if not, the details of these industries; and

(e) the action being taken by Government against those industries?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No non-Governmental steel industries in Chhattisgarh have imported duty free raw materials from abroad to complete the export of steel pipes during the last three years.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Supply of Iron and Steel to WBSIDC

4792. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been made by West Bengal Government for allocation of Iron and Steel materials to West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation (WBSIDC) in the interest of small scale sector in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation (WBSIDC) Ltd. had not been lifting iron and steel materials since 1998-99 under the scheme operated by Government. Hence, during 2004-05 the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) had been authorized to supply iron and steel materials to the small scale units of West Bengal. However, upon receipt of request from the Government of West Bengal, the case has been reconsidered and for the year 2005-06, an amount of 24,193 Metric Tonnes of iron and steel items have been allocated for supply to small scale units of West Bengal through the WBSIDC.

Steel Prices

4793. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Steel has hiked its long-term contract prices by 20 per cent effective from April 1, 2005;

(b) if so, whether other PSUs and Joint Sector Steel Plants are likely to follow suit;